



**National Science Foundation
Beijing Office**

2016-04-14 NSF Beijing Office visits China Geological Survey

NSF Beijing visited The China Geological Survey (CGS) on April 14, 2016 and had discussions with CGS researchers about geological research and programs and possible future cooperation.

CGS was founded in 1913 and now is affiliated with the Ministry of Land and Resources. CGS has 29 research institutes, 7548 permanent staff, and an 8 billion Yuan (USD \$1.23 billion) annual budget for 2016-2020. It serves as a consulting agency, providing advice to the central government in decision making in geological areas related to critical social and economic development. CGS also supports basic research in geological areas and is seeking to increase its international collaborations.

CGS has no formal relationship with NSF, but has a history of cooperation with the United States, having established a Protocol for cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in 1980.

The meeting was hosted by Hao Aibing, Director, CGS Department of Hydrogeology and Environmental Geology, who gave a presentation about China's environmental geological survey projects. Other presentations from Liu Dawen, Director, CGS Division of International Projects and Hu Qiuyun, Researcher, CGS Division of Environmental Geology, made it clear that there is great potential for CGS researchers to collaborate with US researchers, particularly in Critical Zone Observatory (CZO) areas, including basin/watershed areas, monitoring technology

and methods, modeling theory and technology and CZO operation and management.



Meeting participants also including Sun Xiaoming, Director, CGS Tianjin Center; Lin Liangjun, Deputy Director, CGS Division of Environmental Geology; Yang Tiantian, Deputy Director, CGS International Cooperation Division; Situ Yu, Project coordinator, CGS Department of S&T and International Cooperation; Wang Guiling, Director, CGS Institute of Hydrogeology and Environmental Geology; Yang Huifeng, Deputy Director, CGS Institute of Hydrogeology & Environmental Geology; Ren Meijuan, researcher, CGS Center of Hydrogeology and Environmental Geology; Xing Weiguo, researcher, CGS; and Sun Bo, Program Specialist, NSF Beijing Office.